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1. RRA HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH ROLANDO JORDAN, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC STUDIES AND STATISTICS, MINISTRY OF MINES UPON HIS RETURN FROM LONDON MEETING OF ITC'S ECONOMIC AND PRICE REVIEW PANEL. JORDAN SAID, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, THAT HE WISHED COMIBOL COSTS WERE ONLY \$3.59 PER POUND AS HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED IN THE PRESS. HE SAID COSTS OF MOST SMALL MINERS HERE HIGHER STILL. IN SPITE OF THESE HIGHER COSTS, JORDAN HOPED THE \$3.51 FIGURE (SUPPOSED AVERAGE COST OF PRODUCING TIN AMONG MAJOR PRODUCERS) WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY THE ITC ON JULY 11, ALTHOUGH HE EXPECTED A TOUGH FIGHT ON THE PRICE RANGE ISSUE.

2. JORDAN ACKNOWLEDGED ISSUE OF TAXATION AND LEASING OF NEW LANDS BY PRODUCERS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT LENGTH AND ITS ILL EFFECTS ON NEW TIN PRODUCTION. HE SAID GOB IS NOW STUDYING MINING TAXATION REFORM AND MINING DEVELOPMENT LAW AND IS EVEN NOW

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IMPLEMENTING MINERALS EXPLORATION FUND (SEE LA PAZ A-53). THUS GOB IS THINKING ALONG THE SAME LINES AS USG BUT GOB CANNOT ACCEPT THAT AN ORGANIZATION LIKE THE ITC URGE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO CHANGE THEIR INTERNAL POLICIES SINCE THIS WOULD BE INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL MATTERS. JORDAN SAID GOB BELIEVED INFLATION OF COSTS OF MINING MACHINERY MADE IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WAS MORE IMPORTANT FACTOR IN RISING

TIN PRODUCTION COSTS THAN PRODUCER TAXES. HE SAID GOB MAY ASK DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO CONTROL THEIR RATES OF INFLATION.

3. JORDAN SAID HE GOT ALONG WELL WITH US REP. W. LENAHAAN IN LONDON AND MIGHT BE RETURNING AS TECHNICAL ADVISOR FOR THE ITC MEETING JULY 11. GOB WILL MAKE DECISION ON JUNE 8, ON WHO WILL JOIN BOLIVIAN DELEGATION FROM LA PAZ. CARLOS LTURRALDE WILL GO TO LONDON FOR ITC MEETING FROM KUALA LUMPUR.

4. CONTENTS OF REFTEL PASSED TO MINISTRY OF MINES, REACTIONS WILL BE REPORTED BY IMMEDIATE CABLE ASAP.
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